

## Editorial

### DO WE HAVE A ROADMAP FOR AFTER THE PANDEMIC?

The global Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on all of us. Social distancing, lockdown, and self-isolation are now part of our lexicon. No longer do the public have to be told what PPE means. Since late January numerous journal papers on imaging of Covid-19 patients have been published. The Society of Radiographers of South Africa constantly posts information on its Facebook. Since early March radiographers have therefore been able access relevant coronavirus information posted on the Society's Facebook: Covid-19 best practices, for example. Infection prevention and control protocols for radiographers are on the Society's Facebook. Radiographers, as front-line health professionals, were, and still are, at risk of contracting coronavirus. Many sadly have died. Our condolences to their families, loved ones, and colleagues.

Congresses have been cancelled or postponed. Some will be offered on virtual platforms. Campus-based academic activity ceased in mid-March. Some universities are working on providing online learning. Lecturers have had to develop multi-modal learning systems to support learners by way of online and remote learning pathways. The impact of this will only be obvious in the months ahead in terms of student radiographers' competency.

Looking beyond the challenges of this pandemic requires a roadmap. It should include continuing professional development (CPD); our focus should always be on best practice for service delivery. A roadmap should include the HPCSA's new model for CPD. What the latter entails was published in the May 2019 journal.

Over the decades many of us have attended congresses in South Africa and abroad. How best to provide service delivery is frequently debated during interactions with peers at congresses. Networking at congresses is an important aspect of CPD. Hopefully there will be opportunities to network in the future. However, there is no guarantee that we will have a selection of airlines to travel within and outside the country after the end of the pandemic.

This means we need to consider options for CPD events by way of a roadmap. In order words we need clear indications of what is needed to meet our CPD needs. Given the challenges of hosting congresses immediately post the Covid-19 pandemic requires that all options should be explored. A roadmap should therefore include the feasibility of hosting virtual CPD meetings. Such meetings would address some needs, but there will be gaps. Also to consider is that load-shedding could present challenges.

Readers are invited to provide inputs on how to address your professional needs. Suggestions to be emailed to the address on [www.sorsa.org.za](http://www.sorsa.org.za).

It is hoped that this issue does provide you with new insights and knowledge. The importance of best practice to benefit patients is underpinned in the topics in this issue of the journal.

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